



Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival September 23, 24, and 25

Three nights, two days, more than 20 films about the ocean. . . and it's all free! Sponsored by Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

Join us at the Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival. Films will be screened at SCAD's Trustees Theater on Broughton Street in downtown Savannah. Evening programs will start at 7 p.m.; daytime programs all day Saturday and Sunday. Tybee Island Marine Science Center will host two days of free children's films and programs on Saturday September 24 and Sunday September 25.

This year's festival opens Friday September 23 with an evening with pioneer underwater film producer and photographer Stan Waterman. Waterman has won five Emmy awards. His works includes *The Deep* and the classic *Blue Water, White Death*. This will be his first appearance in Savannah

The festival closes Sunday September 25 with the thought-provoking film, *The Guerrero Project* about the efforts to find and explore a slave ship that sunk in the Florida Keys with its cargo. The Savannah screening will be the premiere of the final cut of *The Guerrero Project*, a selection of the Independent Black Film Festival, and will be the film's launch.

All films are free; tickets will be available at the Trustees Theater box office starting September 1st. Call the box office at 912-525-5050. Films and speakers subject to change without notice. For more information, call 912-598-2345 or check www.graysreef.noaa.gov

About This Film Festival

The goal of the Gray's Reef Ocean Film festival is to educate, inspire, entertain and foster a spirit of ocean stewardship through the screening of films that explore our relationship to the sea.

Film and video have been the most powerful force in revealing the complexity and beauty of our underwater world. From the pioneering images of Stan Waterman and Jacques Cousteau to today's IMAX and digital imagery, our generations can explore the ocean as never before.

NOAA's Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary is bringing this festival of ocean films to Savannah to celebrate marine conservation worldwide and to encourage commitment to sustaining healthy oceans and coasts.

A Word About the Films

Unless specifically stated, the views expressed in these films and videos do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, the National Marine Sanctuary System or NOAA .

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About The Savannah College of Art and Design and the Trustees Theater

The Savannah College of Art and Design's historic Trustees Theater provides a multi-purpose facility for the emerging media and performing arts department, the Savannah Film Festival, the annual spring fashion show as well as a venue for screening student films, videos and computer animations. The theater hosts a variety of performances, concerts and lectures for the college and community. By restoring the 1,100 seat theater to its former Art Moderne splendor, and by attracting major performers, the college has contributed to the revival of the Savannah theater district.

Thanks

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